

# **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**

## **Enforcement Program is Recruiting Expert Witnesses**

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The BRN is recruiting qualified psychologists to evaluate and render opinions on registered nurse enforcement cases. These expert witnesses provide mental health examinations including psychological testing, as appropriate, to determine the registered nurse's capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. The psychologist may also make recommendations for treatment, therapy or counseling. The psychologist will submit a written report of that assessment and recommendation to the BRN. They may also be asked to provide testimony in court.

The BRN has a special interest in those psychologists with expertise in chemical dependency, dual licensure as a registered nurse and psychologist, working experience in a setting with registered nurses, neuropsychologists, and psychologists with previous experience determining mental impairment pursuant to Sections 820 and 822 of the Business and Professions Code.

The California Evidence Code defines an expert witness as a person who "has special knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education sufficient to qualify as an expert on the subject to which his testimony relates..."

If you wish to provide this service to your community and be considered by the BRN as an expert witness, please see if you meet the following qualifications:

- A current, active psychologist license in California for 10 or more years.
- No prior or current discipline by your licensing Board or any other health-related board or regulatory agency.
- No prior or current accusation or formal charges against your license by the Psychology Board or any other health-related board or regulatory agency.
- No criminal convictions.
- Work evaluations, upon request, that demonstrate your knowledge and competency.
- A curriculum vitae that provides evidence of your excellent writing and speaking skills.

Along with your application, please include the following information, if applicable, on your curriculum vitae:

- Professional education.
- Professional experience.
- Psychologist and other health care related licensure status in all states and territories, including original state of licensure. The BRN will verify any information you provide.
- Professional association membership and affiliation.
- Certificates and accreditation by professional associations.
- Titles of books, articles, presentations, or other scholarly endeavors in health care.
- Honors and awards related to the health care field.

Please note specifically if you possess the following: professional expertise in chemical dependency, dual licensure as a registered nurse and psychologist, working experience in a setting with registered nurses, neuropsychology expertise, or have previous experience determining mental impairment pursuant to Sections 820 and 822 of the Business and Professions Code.

Psychologist expert witnesses are paid \$125 an hour for case review and preparation of the expert opinion report and \$125 an hour plus expenses when called to testify at an administrative hearing.

If you are interested in becoming an expert witness, please submit your completed application and all other requested documents to:

Enforcement Program  
Board of Registered Nursing  
P.O. Box 944210  
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**EXPERT WITNESS APPLICATION**

The Board of Registered Nursing is seeking qualified registered nurses and other licensed health care professionals with the professional and educational background to develop opinions, prepare written reports and/or testify as an Expert Witness on their behalf. An Expert Witness is any person possessing technical or professional knowledge from advanced education and/or extensive work experience enabling the formation of definite opinions in an area of expertise. *California Civil Code Section 43.8, provides immunity for those practitioners who render an opinion against a registered nurse for the Board.*

An Expert Witness must hold a current and active license in their profession and be in good standing with no prior disciplinary actions or criminal convictions.

If you wish to be considered by the Board as an Expert Witness, please complete the information listed below. The information you provide will be maintained for reference for any current or future cases for which you may be qualified.

Please complete each section of the application and attach your curriculum vitae/resume with the following information included, if applicable:

- Professional Education.
- Professional Experience.
- Psychologist and other health care related licensure status in all states and territories, including original state of licensure.
- Professional association membership and affiliation.
- Certificates and accreditation by professional associations.
- Titles of books, articles, presentations, or other scholarly endeavors in health care.
- Honors and awards related to the health care field.

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<b>Name</b>			
<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
<b>Business Address</b>		<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Social Security #</b>
<b>Street</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>Home Address</b>		<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Title or Position</b>
<b>Street</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>California Professional License Number</b> _____	<b>Other Professional Licenses &amp; States of Licensure</b>		<b>Highest Educational Degree(s)</b>
<b>Area of Expertise</b> _____	_____		

**PREVIOUS CONSULTANT OR EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/CREDENTIALS****REFERENCES**


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If you need additional space to complete the application, please attach a separate sheet or complete the information on the reverse side.

I certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all statements, answers and representations in this application including all attachments are true and accurate.

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(Signature)

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(Date)